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Note verbale dated 20 December 2018 from the Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

The Permanent Mission of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), and has the honour to transmit herewith the report of the Dominican Republic on compliance with the provisions and prohibitions contained in Security Council resolutions 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 2087 (2013), 2094 (2013), 2270 (2016), 2321 (2016), 2356 (2017), 2371 (2017), 2375 (2017) and 2397 (2017) (see annex).

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Report of the Dominican Republic on the implementation of Security Council resolutions 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 2087 (2013), 2094 (2013), 2270 (2016), 2321 (2016), 2356 (2017), 2371 (2017), 2375 (2017) and 2397 (2017)

The Government of the Dominican Republic, for the purposes of compliance with the provisions and prohibitions contained in Security Council resolutions 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 2087 (2013), 2094 (2013), 2270 (2016), 2321 (2016), 2356 (2017), 2371 (2017), 2375 (2017) and 2397 (2017), notifies the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006), by means of the following report, that in conformity with legally binding Security Council resolutions, the Dominican Republic as a State Member of the United Nations complies with its international legal obligation to respect the sanctions imposed against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea by taking the necessary actions and measures.

To that end, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic has notified all responsible state institutions of the content of those resolutions to ensure that they comply with and do not violate the recommendations contained therein.

In 2017, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a press release dated 30 August, in which it strongly condemned the intercontinental ballistic missile and nuclear tests carried out by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, because such actions endanger peace and stability in the region, as well as international security.

The Dominican Republic states that it does not transfer or provide weapons to the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, nor does it receive weapons from that country; it does not transfer or trade materials or items prohibited by the above-mentioned resolutions from or with the Democratic People's Republic of Korea; and the development, production, possession, sale, import, transport, stockpiling and use of chemical, biological and nuclear weapons are prohibited by the Constitution of the Dominican Republic and are severely punished by Dominican criminal law.

The Dominican Republic promulgated the Asset-laundering Prevention Act No. 155-17 on 1 July 2017, as well as its implementing regulation 407-17 on 16 November 2017, providing for the establishment of measures and compliance with the sanctions set out in the resolutions issued by the Security Council, including the freezing of accounts, and identifying the competent authorities and reporting entities that are responsible for their implementation.

On 8 January 2018, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs began to use software that distributes to the authorities identified in the Asset-laundering Prevention Act No. 155-17, immediately upon receipt, notifications of updates to the consolidated list of persons and entities subject to sanctions for violating resolutions issued by the Security Council, which establishes the process for preventive freezing of assets within 72 hours of the issuance of an update by the United Nations.

On 2 July 2018, an inter-agency board was created in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs made up of representatives of all government institutions that are in some way responsible for overseeing and complying with the provisions set out in those resolutions. The goal of the inter-agency board is to ensure effective coordination among the different sectors responsible for security, defence and related issues.

The Dominican Republic remains vigilant and is constantly improving its mechanisms for detecting violations of the provisions set out in Security Council resolutions 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 2087 (2013), 2094 (2013), 2270 (2016), 2321 (2016), 2356 (2017), 2371 (2017), 2375 (2017) and 2397 (2017).